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U.S. Embassy Hosts Pre-Departure Session for U.S.-Bound Students

On August 7, the Embassy of the United States of America in Bandar Seri Begawan hosted a pre-departure orientation for students in Brunei Darussalam who have been accepted into universities in the United States and will enroll this August. The event was held in the Padian Room at Brunei Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan.

The orientation was attended by students, parents, school counselors, alumni members, and representatives from the Ministry of Education (MoE) and scholarship-giving bodies.

The event helped to prepare and advise students and parents on what to expect while studying in the United States, and provided guidance on student visa regulations and travelling.

The Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Embassy Brunei Darussalam, Edward Findlay, welcomed guests to the event. He stated, "On behalf of the U.S. Embassy in Brunei Darussalam, I would like to congratulate all of the students here who were accepted into the universities of their choice in the United States. Through your education, you will not only be contributing to your own futures, you will also be forging stronger ties between Brunei Darussalam and the United States."

The students will be pursuing their undergraduate study at New York University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Stanford University, Purdue University and the University of California, Berkeley, among other institutes of higher learning.

Edward Findlay added, "Brunei has been sending students to study in the United States since the 1980s. Since 2010, well over 200 students from Brunei Darussalam have attended more than 85 U.S. colleges and universities. The number of Bruneians applying for student and exchange visas has more than doubled since 2009 and we hope that figure will continue to increase."

During the event, Bruneian alumni who have successfully studied in the United States shared their experiences and answered questions from students and parents.

For more information about higher education opportunities in the United States, please contact the U.S. Embassy's EducationUSA Advisor, Mayra Robles, at roblesmt@state.gov or by telephone at +673-2384616 (extension 2040).

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